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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD TO PRIME
MINISTER CALLAGHAN

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM SENATOR ROBERT C.
BYRD (D.-W.VA.), SENATE MAJORITY LEADER, WHICH EMBASSY
IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO THE PRIME MINISTER. ORIGINAL
SIGNED LETTER FROM SENATOR BYRD FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

IT WAS KIND OF YOU TO TAKE TIME FROM YOUR CROWDED
SCHEDULE LAST WEEK TO MEET WITH ME, AND DISCUSS THE
PROBLEMS AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FACING OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

YOUR COMMENTS AND ADVICE WILL BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO
ME IN COMING WEEKS, AS THE CONGRESS PROCEEDS WITH
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EGISLATIVE ACTIONS OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE
ALLIANCE AND THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD. I PARTICULARLY WELCOMED THE

OPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH YOU ON THE BONN
ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING THAT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, NO LESS THAN THE EXECUTIVE, UNDERSTANDS THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF THE ECONOMIES OF NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, AND IS FULLY RESOLVED TO ACT PROMPTLY ON MEASURES THAT ARE NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH OF ALL OUR ECONOMIES.

MY VISIT TO NATO AND MY DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU AND WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE REINFORCED MY BELIEF IN THE ESSENTIAL SOUNDNESS AND UNITY OF PURPOSE OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO LEARN MORE, FROM THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE, ABOUT THE MEASURES UNDERWAY TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITIES AND MILITARY PREPAREDNESS OF NATO FORCES. SOME OF THESE WILL REQUIRE MORE MONEY, OTHERS MORE ORIGINAL AND CORROBORATIVE APPROACHES. YOUR SUPPORT ACROSS-THE-BOARD HAS GIVEN STRENGTH TO THE WHOLE ALLIANCE. PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION REMAIN, OF COURSE, AND WE IN THE CONGRESS WILL WATCH THIS PROCESS WITH MUCH INTEREST.

I REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT ON OUR CONVERSATION AND OTHER ASPECTS OF MY TRIP IMMEDIATELY ON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, TO GIVE HIM THE BENEFIT OF YOUR CURRENT THINKING BEFORE HE DEPARTS.

THANK YOU, FINALLY, FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY OF YOUR COUNTRY, MR. PRIME MINISTER, AND FOR THE CANDOR AND CONFIDENTIAL

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WISDOM OF YOUR VIEWS. I HOPE WE MAY CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE WE HAVE BEGUN.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ROBERT C. BYRD
MAJORITY LEADER

END TEXT.

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